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SUBJECT: EGYPT FPCON MODIFICATION

CLASSIFIED BY DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION STUART JONES FOR
REASONS 1.4 (A) AND (C).

1. (U) THE USDR, IN COORDINATION WITH THE CHIEF OF MISSION, DIRECTS A CHANGE OF FORCE PROTECTION CONDITION. THE FPCON FOR THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT IS CHANGED FROM FPCON CHARLIE TO FPCON BRAVO. ADDITIONALLY, THE FOLLOWING CHARLIE MEASURES ARE IMPLEMENTED: CHARLIE 4, CHARLIE 5, CHARLIE 7, CHARLIE 9, CHARLIE 10, CHARLIE 11, CHARLIE 12, AND CHARLIE 16. CHARLIE 17 IS IMPLEMENTED FOR THE SINAI REGION.

2. (S) CURRENT AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION NO LONGER INDICATES A SPECIFIC TERRORIST THREAT AGAINST US PERSONNEL IN EGYPT WHICH WOULD WARRANT FPCON CHARLIE. WHILE REGIONAL EVENTS IN IRAQ AND JORDAN ARE OF A CONCERN, THERE IS NO EXTENT THREAT STREAM AGAINST US PERSONNEL OR FACILITIES IN EGYPT. HOST NATION SECURITY SERVICES HAVE SHARED INFORMATION ON THE 23 JULY BOMBINGS IN SHARM EL SHEIKH AND CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE SECURITY OPERATIONS ON THE SINAI PENINSULA TO DISRUPT TERRORIST CELL OPERATIONS. WHILE HOST NATION SECURITY SERVICES REPORT THEY HAVE APPREHENDED OR KILLED MOST OF THE OPERATIVES WHO CARRIED OUT THE ATTACK, THEIR INVESTIGATION CONTINUES WITH RESPECT TO THE BASE OF SUPPORT AND ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE. VISIBLE SECURITY EFFORTS HAVE BEEN INCREASED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY AT TOURIST DESTINATIONS. WHILE THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR AMERICANS TO BE TARGETED IN FUTURE ATTACKS AGAINST EGYPTIAN TOURIST RESORTS, THERE IS NO CREDIBLE REPORTING TO SUGGEST AMERICAN PERSONNEL ACTIVELY BEING TARGETED. US INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WORKING AS A LIAISON WITH HOST NATION SERVICES MAINTAIN A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF MILITARY COOPERATION-EGYPT AND, IN CONCURRENCE WITH THE RSO, DAO, AND ORA, AGREE THAT CURRENT CONDITIONS DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA TO MAINTAIN FPCON CHARLIE. THE CHANGE OF FPCON DOES NOT AFFECT THE CURRENT STATE DEPARTMENT RATINGS FOR EGYPT AS SET FORTH IN THE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT THREAT LIST.

3. (U) FOR THE ABOVE REASONS I CONSIDER THAT FPCON BRAVO IS APPROPRIATE AND IN HARMONY WITH CURRENT STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR EGYPT.

4. (U) THE POINT OF CONTACT IS COL JEFFREY VORDERMARK, OMC/DC OR CAPT JASON STEELMAN, OMC/FP, COMMERCIAL 011-2-02-797-3477, OR DSN 312-725-1440 EXT 3477. IF CONTACT IS NEEDED AFTER HOURS CONTACT MAY BE MADE THROUGH THE EMBASSY OPERATOR AT COMMERCIAL 011-2-02-797-3300 OR DSN 312-725-1440.

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